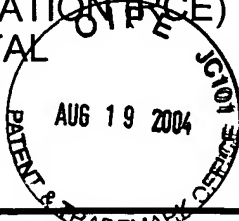


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 30, 2004, a reply to which is due August 30, 2004 with a one-month extension of time, please amend the above-identified application per 37 C.F.R. §1.114 with a Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this submission.